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\$600,000 POWERBALL TICKET SOLD IN GREENSBORO

-Nags Head Woman Wins \$100,000 on "Mega Bucks"-

RALEIGH-A Powerball ticket worth \$600,000 was sold in **Greensboro**! The ticket for the Oct. 22 drawing matched all five white balls and was Power Played. Since the Power Play multiplier was three, the \$200,000 prize was increased to \$600,000. This ticket was sold at Great Stops #6 on North Church Street in Greensboro and has yet to be claimed.

There were also two tickets matching four out of five white balls plus the Powerball in last night's drawing. They are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at BI-LO #420 on East Broad Street in **Statesville** and JP Goldsboro on East Ashe Avenue in **Goldsboro**.

A total of 40,250 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in last night's Powerball drawing, ranging from \$600,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$913,075. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball to win the jackpot, so the jackpot for the Saturday, Oct. 25, Powerball drawing is an estimated \$52 million.

"Mega Bucks" was the lucky game for Helen Grandy of **Nags Head** this week. She bought two tickets at Stop Quik Inc. on Croatan Highway in Nags Head. The first ticket was not a winner, but as she scratched off the second ticket, the very last number on the card revealed itself to be worth \$100,000!

Grandy says she called her husband to tell him the good news and that he thought she was joking. She plans to use the money to buy a new car.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$3.6 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Oct. 20. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$88,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$594,000 in prizes.

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Winners in the Oct. 22 Powerball drawing:

Winner
UnknownHometown
\$600,000Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Great Stops #6
3901 N. Church St., GreensboroUnknown\$10,000BI-LO #420
1909 E. Broad St., Statesville

Donald Holmes Goldsboro \$10,000 JP Goldsboro

1903 E. Ashe Ave., Goldsboro

Winner in the Oct. 18 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

WinnerHometownAmount WonStore Where Ticket Was PurchasedPatricia Smith557,630E & B Discounts., Inc.3302A Cheek Rd., Durham

Winner in the Oct. 18 Powerball drawing:

WinnerHometown
Carla MullisAmount Won
\$10,000Store Where Ticket Was Purchased
Quik Check
6555 Old U.S. Hwy. 52 North, Welcome

Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	Amount Won	Game Played
Helen Grandy	Nags Head	\$100,000	"Mega Bucks"
Amanda Douglas	Sanford	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Monica Simmons	Raleigh	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Samuel Curry	Swannanoa	\$7,000	"Super 7's"
Lonnie Barbee	Rutherfordton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
John Delay	Southport	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Harden Wheeler Jr.	Winston-Salem	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally

<u>Prize</u> # of winners \$50,000 to \$856,998 155

Powerball Winners Tally

 Prize
 # of winners

 \$2 Million - \$200,000
 125

 \$100,000 - \$10,000
 709

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006, but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.